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## **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response addresses the Office communication mailed November 21, 2003, in connection with the above identified application. As this communication is filed on before the deadline of December 21, 2003, no fee for extension of time is believed due.

In this communication, the remarks begin on page 2.